

Claims

What I claim as my invention is:

1. A vehicle security device which in use prevents at least one pedal being operated comprising: a securing device and a locking member which is releaseably connected to the securing device and which prevents the or each pedal being operated wherein said securing device comprises an elongate member sized such that it extends from the or each pedal through an aperture in the steering wheel and into the area normally occupied by the driver when seated within the vehicle in the conventional driving position.
2. The security device of claim 1, in which the elongate member in use has a first end, which is located in the foot pedal area of the vehicle, and a second end, which is passed through an aperture in the steering wheel.
3. The security device of claim 2, wherein the elongate member has at least one pair of diametrically situated apertures located proximal to the first end and the locking member is configured such that a part of it passes through said at least one pair of apertures to lock the elongate member to at least one foot pedal of the vehicle.
4. The security device of claim 3, wherein the elongate member has two pairs of diametrically situated apertures and the locking member comprises a lock and includes a containing element having two co-joined limbs, each of which is received in a respective one of said pair of apertures.
5. The security device according to claim 4, wherein the containing element is arranged such that in use one limb is positioned above and one limb below at least one foot pedal.
6. The security device according to claims 4 or 5, wherein the containing element is a U-shaped member.

7. The security device according to claims 4 or 6, wherein the free ends of limbs of the U-shaped member each include a hole through which the lock may be received.
8. The security device according to claims 4 or 7, wherein the free ends of limbs of the U-shaped member are each shaped to interact with the lock.
9. The security device according to any one of claims 4 or 8, wherein one of the containing element and the lock is integral with the elongate member.
10. The security device according to claims 4 or 8, wherein the lock is integral with the elongate member.
11. The security device according to any preceding claim, wherein the elongate member is formed from at least two discrete pieces.
12. The security device according to any preceding claim, wherein the elongate member is collapsible.
13. The security device according to any preceding claim, wherein the elongate member is formed from a number of co-axial sections such that they can telescope together.
14. The security device according to claim 11, wherein the collapsing of the elongate member is achieved by the elongate member being foldable.
15. The security device according to claim 12, wherein the folding of the elongate member is facilitated by a hinge or flexible flange or by a flexible means attached to the parts of the elongate members.
16. The security device according to any preceding claim, wherein the elongate member has an overall length of at least 1 meter.
17. The security device according to any preceding claim, wherein the elongate member has an overall length of between 120centimetres and 140centimetres.
18. The security device according to any preceding claim, wherein the elongate member has an overall length of between 30centimetres and 45centimetres in collapsed/contracted state.

19. The security device according to any one of claims 2 to 18, wherein the elongate member is configured to surround a portion of the pedal.
20. The security device according to any one of claims 2 to 19, wherein the elongate member is connected to a pedal cover, which surrounds a portion of the pedal.
21. A vehicle security device substantially as hereinbefore described, with reference to, and as illustrated in, the accompanying drawings.